In view of the foregoing, it is believed that this application is in condition for examination on the merits, and for allowance. Early notice of that effect is hereby solicited.

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5' GCCGCCGCCA TGGGAGTGCA GGTGGAAACC ATCTCCCCAG GAGACGGCG CACCTTCCCC AAGCGCGCC AGACCTGCGT GGTGCACTAC ACCGGATGC TTGAAGATGG AAAGAAATTT GATTCCTCCC GGGACAGAAA CAGCCCTTT AAGTTTATGC TAGGCAAGCA GGAGGTGATC CGAGGCTGGG AAGAAGGGGT TGCCCAGATG AGTGTGGGTC AGAGAGCCAA ACTGACTATA TCTCCAGATT ATGCCTATGG TGCCACTGGG CACCCAGGCA TCATCCCACC ACATGCCACT CTCGTCTTCG ATGTGGAGCT TCTAAAACTG GAATGACAGG AATGGCCTCC ATATGGAGCT TTTCCTGATG TCCACTCCA CTTTGTATAG ACATCTGCCC TGACTGAATG TGTTCTGTCA CTCAGCTTTG CTTCCGACAC CTCTGTTTCC TCTTCCCCTT TCTCCTCGTA TGTGTGTTTA CCCTAAACTAT ATGCCATAAA CCTCAAGTTA TTCA-3' (FRAG. NO: ) (SEQ. ID NO: 2498)

wherein B is adenosine, or, more preferably, replaces adenosine and is an "equivame\lent" or a "universal" base, and adenosine  $A_{2a}$  receptor agonist or only minimally antagonist, an adenosine  $A_{2b}$  receptor antagonist, an adenosine  $A_3$  receptor antagonist, or an adenosine  $A_1$  receptor antagonist. Similarly, adenosine (A) may always be replaced by an "alternative", "equivalent" and/or "universal" base having a small fraction, preferably less than 0.3 of the activity of adenosine at the adenosine receptor(s), as described above.

In one preferred embodiment, the links between neighboring mononucleotides are phosphodiester links. In another preferred, at least one mononucleotide phosphodiester residue of the anti-sense a methylphosphonate, phosphotriester, substituted by phosphorothioate, phosphorodithioate, boranophosphate, formacetal, thioformacetal, thioether, carbonate, carbamate, sulfate, sulfonate, sulfamate, sulfonamide, sulfone, sulfite, sulfoxide, sulfide, hydroxylamine, 2'-O-methyl, methylene(methylimino), methyleneoxy (methylimino), phosphoramidate residues, and combinations thereof. The oligos having one or more phosphodiester residues substituted by one or more of the other residues are generally longer lasting, given that these residues are more resistant to hydrolysis than the phosphodiester residue. In some cases up to about 10%, about 30%, about 50%, about 75%, and even all phosphodiester residues may be substituted (100%). Typically, the multiple target anti-sense oligonucleotide (oligo) of the invention comprises at least about 7 mononucleotides, in some instances up to 60 and more mononucleotides, preferably about 10 to about 36, and more preferably about 12 to about 21 mononucleotides. However, other lengths are also suitable depending on the length of the target macromolecule. Examples of the MTA oligos of the invention are provided in Table 3 below, which includes ninety-four sequences (SEQ ID NOS.: 2316 through 2410).

						ble 3	):	M	MTA Oligos, Location Targeted & Target							
45	MTA Oligo								SEQ. ID No		Lo	Location		Compound Targeted		Target
	HUN	1NFK	BP65	A AS												
	CCC	GGC	CCC	GCC	TCG	TGC	С			3019	9	5′=1	EPI	2192		
	CGT	CCB	TGC	CGC	GGG	CCC				3020	5	5'=28(AUG)	EPI	2193		
	GCC	CCG	CTG	CTT	GGG	CTG	CTC	TGC	CGG	G 3021	5	5′=65	EPI	2194		
50	TCT	GTG	CTC	CTC	TCG	CCT	GGG			3022	5	5′=137	EPI	2195		
	TGG	TGG	GGT	GGG	TCT	TGG	TGG			3023	9	s'=159	EPI	2196		
	CTG	TCC	CTG	GTC	CTG	TG				3024	9	5'=196	EPI	2197		
	GGT	CCC	GCT	TCT	TC					3025	5	5'=362	EPI	2198		
	GGG	GTT	GTT	GTT	GGT	CTG	G			3026	9	5'=401	EPI	2199		
55	TGT	CCT	CTT	TCT	GC				302	7 [3026]	9	5'=656	EPI	2200		
	GCC	TCG	GGC	CTC	CC				302	8 [3027]	9	5'=697	EPI	2201		
	GGC	TGG	GGT	CTG	CGT				302	<u>29</u> [3028]	5	5'=769	EPI	2202		

	GGC CGG GGG TCG GTG GGT CCG CTG	3030 [3029]	5'=953	EPI 2203
	GGG CTG GGG TGC TGG CTT GGG G	3031 [3030]	5'=1022	EPI 2204
	GGG GCT GGG GCC TGG GCC	3032 [3031]	5'=1208	EPI 2205
	GCC TGG GTG GGC TTG GGG GC .	3033 [3032]	5'=1272	EPI 2206
5	GCT GGG TCT GTG CTG TTG CC	3034 [3033]	5'=1362	EPI 2207
	GTT GTG TGG GGG GCC .	3035 [3034]	5'= 1451	EPI 2208
	GCT GGG TCG GGG GGC CTC TGG GCT GTC	3036 [3035]	5'=1511	EPI 2209
	GCC CCG GGG CCC CC	3037 [3036]	5'=1550	EPI 2210
	TGG CTC CCC CCT CC	3038 [3037]	5'=1772	EPI 2211
10	GCT CCC CCC TTT CC	3039 [3038]	5'=1863	EPI 2212
	CGG ACG AAG ACA GAG A	3040 [3039]	5'=1979	EPI 2213
	GGC TTT GTG GGC TC	3041 [3040]	5'=2011	EPI 2214
	GCC TGC TCT CCC CC	3042 [3041]	5'=2312	EPI 2215
	CCC GGC CCC GCC BCG BBC C	3043 [3042]	intron	EPI 2192-01A HSU50136C4Synth
15	CCC GGC CCC GCC BCG	3044 [3043]	intron	EPI 2192-01B
	CCC GGC CCC GCC BCG BBC C	3045 [3044]	5'untr	EPI 2192-02A HUMLIPOX5LO
	CCC GGC CCC GCC BCG	<u>3046</u> [3045]	5'untr	EPI 2192-02B
	CCC GBC CCC GCC TCB BG	<u>3047</u> [3046]	trans	EPI 2192-03A HSNFKBS Subunit
•	CCC GBC CCC GCC TC	<u>3048</u> [3047]	trans	EPI 2192-03B
20	CCG GCC CCG CCT C	<u>3049</u> [3048]	5'untr	EPI 2192-04 TGF <i>G</i> √R1
	CCC GBB CCC GCB TBG TGC C	<u>3050</u> [3049]	5'trans	EPI 2192-05A HSU58198Il enhan
	CCC GCB TBG TGC C	<u>3051</u> [3050]	5'untr	EPI 2192-05B
	CCC GGB CCC BCC BBG TGC C	3052 [3051]	3'trans	EPI 2192-06 HSVECAD
25	CBG BBC CCG CCT CGT GCC	3053 [3052]	intron	EPI 2192-07A NFKB2
25	C CCG CCT CGT GCC	3054 [3053]	intron	EPI 2192-07B NFKB2
	CCG GCB CCG CCT CBT GCC	<u>3055</u> (3054)	5'trans	EPI 2192-08 Carboxypep
	CCG GCC CCG CCB CBT GCC	3056 (3055)	3'trans	EPI 2192-09 HumADRA2C%2AdrKid
	CCC GBC CCC GBC TCG	<u>3057</u> [3056]	5'untrs	EPI 2192-10 HUMFK506B
30	CCC GGC CBC GBC TCG	3058 [3057]	5'untrs	EPI 2192-11 HSNBARKS1&AdrKin
30	CCC GGC CCB GCC TBG	3059 [3058]	5'UTR	EPI 2192-12 HSNFXN1 (NFKB1)
	CCC GGC BCB GBC TCG TBC C	<u>3060</u> [3059]	3'UTR	EPI 2192-13 HSILF(transcrp.
	CCC GGC CCC GCC BCG	2061 [2060]		Factor ILF) EPI-2192-14 NFKB/C4Syn/5-LO/
	CCC GGC CCC GCC BCG	<u>3061</u> [3060]		TGFBrec1 MTA
35	CCC GGC CCC GCC BCG	3062 [3061]		EPI-2192-15NFKB/C4Syn/5-LOMTA
55	TCC BTG CCG CGG GC	3063 [3062]	3' trans	EPI-2193-01 METOncogene
	TCC BTG CCB CGG GCC	3064 [3063]	3' trans	EPI-2193-02 HSFGR2(IG)
	TCC BTG CCB CGG GCC	3065 [3064]	mid cod	EPI-2193-03 5-LO
	TCC BTG CCB CBG GCC	3066 [3065]	mid cod	EPI-2193-04 HUMTK14
40	GTC CBT GBC GCG G	3067 [3066]	3'trans	EPI-2193-05 HUMTNFR
	TC CBT GBC GCG GG	3068 [3067]	AUG	Probl.HUMPTCH
		<del></del>		cardiacK+channel
	TCT GBG CTC CTC TBB CCT GGG	<u>3069</u> [3068]	intr	EPI-2195-01 humCSPAcytotox.
4.5				Ser.Protease
45	CTG TGC BCC TBB CBC CTG GG	<u>3070</u> [3069]	intr	EPI-2195-02 HSINOSX08induc.NOS
	TGT GBT CCB CTB GBC TGG G	<u>3071</u> [3070]		EPI-2195-03 HUMACHRM2musc.m2
	mam amp ama ppa map aam a	2022 [2021]		acetylch.rec.
	TCT GTB CTC BBC TCB CCT G	<u>3072</u> [3071]		EPI-2195-04 s86371s1 Neurokinin3Recept
50	TGC TCC TCB CBB CTG GG	3073 [3072]	EPT-2195-09	Nedforininskecept 5 HUMMIP1 Amacro
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MTA Oligos, Location Targeted & Target (Cont'd) Table 3: **MTA Oligo** SEQ. ID Location Compound Target No. Targeted HSNBARKS4 CTC CTC TBG CCT GG 3074 [3073] EPI-2195-06 5 β-Adr Rec Kinase 3075 [3074] EPI-2195-07 HSTNFR2SO6TNF R2 GTG CTC CBB TCB BCT GGG EPI-2195-08 humfkbp fk506 GTG CBC CBB TCB CCT GGG 3076 [3075] binding prot. HSNBARKS1€√-Adr. TCT GTG CBC CTC TBG BCT 3077 [3076] exon EPI-2195-09 10 Recept.Kinase EPI-2195-10 HUMTLA CTG TBB TCC TBB CBC CTG G 3078 [3077] intron TGT GCT BBT CBC BCB TGG G 3079 [3078] EPI-2195-11 HSU50157 PDE4 intron/exon GTG CBC CBC TCB CCT G 3080 [3079] EPI-2195-12 IL-2 R CTG TGC BCC TCT C 3'UTR EPI-2203-05 IL-6 R HSIL6R 3081 [3080] 15 CBG TGC BCC BCT CBC CTG 3082 [3081] intr/ex EPI-2203-06A HSIL2rG6 G TGC BCC BCT CBC CTG intr/ex EPI-2203-06B HSIL2rG6 3083 [3082] HUMIL71 EPI-2203-07A CBC CTC TCB CCT GGG 3084 [3083] coding C CTC TCB CCT GGG 3085 [3084] coding EPI-2203-07B IL-7 HUMIL71 IL-6 R HSI6REC coding EPI-2203-08 GCT CCB CTC GCC T 3086 [3085] 20 TGC TCC TCB CGC C 3087 [3086] intron PDGF A EPI-2303-09 Chain HUMPDGFAB GTT GTT GBT CTG G 3088 [3087] 3'utr EPI-2199-01 GATA-4Transcrip. Factor for IL-5 TNF≫ HUMTNFA GGT TGB BBT TGG TCT TGG 3089 [3088] Coding EPI-2199-02 Far 5'UTR EPI-2199-03 HSSUBP1G (Sub Pr) GGT TGT TGB TGB TCT G 3090 [3089] 25 Coding EPI-2199-04 NeutrophilAdh. GGG TTB BBG TTG BTC TGG 3091 [3090] R HUMNARIA 3092 [3091] HSHM2 EPI-2199-05 m2 Muscarinic R GGG TTB BBG TTG BTC TGG 3093 [3092] HUML1CAM EPI-2199-06 L1 LeukAadhProt TTG TTG TBG BTC TGG GGG TBG BBG BGT CCG CTG 3094 [3093] coding EPI-2203-01 **HUMGATA2A** 30 S71424S2 EPI-2203-02 IGE eps GGG TCB GBG GBT CBG CTG 3095 [3094] HSGCSFR2 GGG TBG GTG GGT C 3096 [3095] coding EPI-2203-03 HUMITGF EPI-2203-04 TGF&√3 GGG TCG GBG GGT CBG C 3097 [3096] GGG TGG GCT T 3098 [3097] HUMNK65PRO EPI-2206-01 NFKB/NK & TCell 35 Activating Prot 3099 [3098] HUMPEREEB EPI 2206-02 NFKB/Prostagl. GGG TGG GCT TGG G EP3 Rec EPI 2206-03 HSNF2B/GCSF CCTGGGTGGGBBTGGG 3100 [3099] NFKB/GranuLocCSF/ 40 Transcr.FactorNF2B EPI-2206-04 HUMLAP/NFKB CCTGGBTGGGCBTGGG 3101[3100] Leuk.Adhes.Prot GCCTGBGTGBBCTTGGG 3102[3101] EPI2206-05 NFKB/Endothel N2 S63833 45 CCCAVGVCCVCCCAGGC NFKBAS13/B Lymph 3103[3102] EPI 2206-06 SerThrProt.Kinase EPI2206-07 NFKBAS13/GCSF1 AGCCCACCCAGGC 3104 [3103] HSGCSFR1Rec BCCTGGGTGGGCTB 3105 [3104] EPI2206-08 NFKBAS13/GCSF1/ 50 NK7TCELLACT.Prot GGTGGGCTTGGG 3106 [3105] EPI 2206-09 NFKBAS13/ HSTGFB1 TGFB CCBBGGTGGGCTTGGG 3107[3106] EPI 2206-10 NFKBAS13/ HSTGFB1 TGFB1 55 EPI 2206-11 NFKBAS13/ CTGGGTGGGBBTGGG 3108 [3107] HSGCSFR1 GCSFR1 EPI 2206-12 NFKBAS13/HUMCD30A 3109[3108] CCBGGGTGGGCTTGG LymphActAntigCoding EPI-2206-12B NFKBAS13/HUMCD30A 3110[3109] GGGTGGGCTTGG 60 EPI 2206-13 NFKBAS13/HUMCAM1V CCTGBGTGBGCBTGGG 3111 [3110] Vasc. Endoth. Cell Adh.Molec

The MTA oligos of Table 3 are suitable for use with two or more of the targets listed in Table 4 below.

B: Universal Base